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(PATENT)**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****In re Patent Application of:**
Iichirou Shimomura et al.**Application No.: 10/561,144****Confirmation No.: 9423****Filed: October 17, 2006****Art Unit: 1656****For: NOVEL PROTEIN****Examiner: J. W. Lee****AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicants submit this paper in response to the final Office Action mailed on August 5, 2008, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for reply ending on November 5, 2008. Accordingly, a Petition for the Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is not required. Applicants, nevertheless, authorize the Commissioner to charge any additional fees occasioned by this paper, or credit any overpayment of such fees, to Deposit Account No. 04-1105.

In response to the Office Action dated August 5, 2008, finally rejecting claims 31, 32 and 52-54, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2.

Remarks/arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

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